

Governor's Family Violence Council
Staffed by the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention
Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention
100 Community Place
Crownsville, MD 21032
Wednesday, October 16, 2019
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Meeting Minutes

Participating Members:

Jeanne Yeager, Chair
Dorothy Lennig, Esq., Vice-Chair
Lillian Agbeyegbe
Linda Alexander for Secretary Dennis Schrader
Stephanie Cooke for Secretary Lourdes Padilla
Barbara Darley for V. Glenn Fueston, Jr.
Trisha Gentle
Lt. Diane Hansen for Colonel William Pallozzi
Lisae Jordan, Esq. for Delegate Kriselda Valderrama
Michael Lore for Senator Susan Lee
Lisa Nitsch
Candy Edwards Roach
Manuel Ruiz
Laure Ruth, Esq.
David Shultie
Carrie Williams, Esq. for Attorney General Brian Frosh

Guests:

Bonnie Brady, Mid-Shore Council on Family Violence
Stacie Gold, YWCA of Annapolis and Anne Arundel County
Anne Hoyer, Address Confidentiality Program
Molly Knipe, YWCA of Annapolis and Anne Arundel County
Lauren Maddox, Due East Partners
Megan Savali, YWCA of Annapolis and Anne Arundel County
Adrianna Weissburg, Due East Partners
Ashley Young, Esq., Maryland Coalition Against Sexual Assault

Staff:

Rebecca Allyn, Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention
Heather Amador, Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention
Justice Schisler, Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention

I. Welcome & Introductions

The meeting was called to order at approximately 10:02 a.m. Members and guests introduced themselves.

II. GOCCP Updates

Ms. Schisler informed the Council that the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) grant program is issuing year two awards to FY2019 grantees who were in good standing. Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) and Children's Justice Act Committee (CJAC) grant applications have been reviewed and letters of intent or denial were sent out the end of September. The grant unit anticipates issuing VAWA awards next week. The Edward J. Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (BJAG) program and the Human Trafficking Regional Navigator Grant (RNPG) applications are currently under review.

GOCCP will be hosting a sub-recipient training on Friday November 15, 2019 which will provide an overview of compliance of grant conditions, submitting grant adjustment notices (GANs) and more. If you have any topics that you'd like GOCCP to address at this grant training, please contact Ms. Schisler. This first training will be open to victim service organizations that are current sub-recipients. Over the next two grant quarters, the GOCCP grants unit will be focusing on site visits.

Ms. Darley informed the Council that the Victim Services Unit (VSU) has submitted the restitution report to the Justice Reinvestment Oversight Board for review. The VSU was legislatively tasked to review the state's current restitution practices and make recommendations. The Victim Services Unit has been working with the Maryland Hospital Association, the Maryland Department of Health, the Maryland Coalition Against Sexual Assault and other stakeholders to develop a protocol for the HIV prophylaxis program through the Sexual Assault Reimbursement Unit, which is effective October 1, 2019.

The VSU is also working with the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services on the upgrade to Enhanced VINE and hope to hire a VINE Program Manager to be the face of VINE for victims and victim services. Another project the VSU is tasked with is the Sexual Assault Tracking System for sexual assault forensic exams. The VSU will be hiring several staff for this project and are currently working with the Department of Information Technology and the Office of the Attorney General to choose a system and look at compatibility with current systems.

The Maryland State's Attorneys' Association is hiring an auditor for the increased witness relocation funds provided to the Office of the State's Attorney for Baltimore City. Any interested candidates should contact Steve Kroll at skroll@mdsaa.org.

III. Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the July 10, 2019 meeting were provided to members and guests. Ms. Nitsch made a motion to approve the minutes; Ms. Ruth seconded the motion. All members were in favor and the minutes were approved.

IV. Safe Futures Collaborative: A Collective Impact Presentation

Ms. Maddox and Ms. Weissburg with Due East were invited to present to the Council on the Safe Futures Collaborative. This is a collective impact project to determine how to impact the next generation in the work of victim services through shared measurement systems and a shared vision. The vision is all relationships are healthy and safe, and all sexual encounters result from consent without coercion. The group also is focusing on continuums of care. The project is

looking at the intersection of domestic violence, sexual assault and human trafficking through a public health point of view and looking at gaps and how programs can articulate those better to funders. Several comprehensive domestic violence and sexual assault programs in the State are involved with this project. Focus groups guided the Collaborative's recommendations which are establishing centers of excellence, building capacity to achieve population level results, and localizing collective impact in communities.

V. Workgroup Updates

a. Intimate Partner Violence and Pregnancy

The workgroup held the first meeting this week and discussed current services and programming in the state for pregnant victims of intimate partner violence. Topics the workgroup identified as potential areas to address related to intimate partner violence and pregnancy were death and pregnancy, training on immigrant populations, preventing unwanted/unplanned pregnancies, need for funding for training and focusing on family planning clinics.

b. Fingerprinting in Domestic Violence Cases

Ms. Lennig informed members the data shared by the Criminal Justice Information System (CJIS) showed that 72.4% of the cases provided by the courts were fingerprinted. Of the domestically-related cases, 71.4% were fingerprinted. The workgroup discussed several next steps - focusing on circuit court cases and potentially presenting the findings to the Justice Reinvestment Oversight Board.

c. Abuse Intervention Program (AIP) Certification Review Process

The workgroup met this morning. Members were provided with updated versions of the AIP Certification Application and the Operational Guidelines for AIPs which included acceptable examples for the license requirements, and an absence policy. At this time, members are unsure if they want to include specific license examples in the AIP documentation. The workgroup began to discuss what guidance for letters of support or memorandum of understating (MOUs) between abuse intervention programs and domestic violence programs should look like. Several examples from other states were reviewed.

VI. Old/New Business

Ms. Allyn informed members that the comprehensive domestic violence and sexual assault program for St. Mary's County is the Southern Maryland Center for Family Violence. It was previously announced that Mid-Shore Council on Family Violence would be providing services in the county but that is no longer happening.

Ms. Allyn is continuing to participate in the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) Data Workgroup that is looking into a solution for reporting issues for domestic violence programs that receive US Department of Housing and Urban Development funding. The next meeting will be with other states who have addressed this issue and learning about the systems they use for reporting. Ms. Allyn also informed the Council that the Baltimore County Healthy Relationships Program that presented at the last meeting is no longer accepting

referrals for the program after speaking with Baltimore County State's Attorney's Office and the judiciary.

VII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:01 p.m.

NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday, January 29, 2020 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
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